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THERE FOLLOWS VERBATIM TEXT OF FEDREPS REPLY TO SOVIET  
NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 18.

BEGIN VERBATIM TEXT:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DEEM  
IT NECESSARY TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR OF  
THE FOLLOWING WITH REGARD TO THEIR NOTE OF 18 SEPTEMBER 1958:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE  
SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAVE TAKEN UP THE IDEA TO ESTABLISH  
A FOUR POWER BODY ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE  
GERMAN BUNDESTAG (FEDERAL PARLIAMENT) OF 2 JULY 1958.  
THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE  
UNITED STATES HAVE ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL OF THE GERMAN  
BUNDESTAG OF 2 JULY 1958. THUS IT APPEARS THAT THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES AGREE, IN PRINCIPLE,  
THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH SUCH A BODY.

THE FACT THAT THE VIEWS ON THE TASK TO BE CARRIED OUT  
BY SUCH A BODY STILL DIFFER SEEMS TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT  
TO CONVENE THIS FOUR POWER COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY.  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDER THAT THIS DIFFICULTY  
COULD BE OVERCOME THE MORE EASILY THE MORE IT WOULD  
BE POSSIBLE TO REPLACE A MAINLY FORMALISTIC APPROACH  
BY REALISTIC CONCEPTIONS. IT IS, OF COURSE, OUR WISH

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THAT THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE FOUR POWER COMMISSION SHOULD SERVE THE PURPOSE TO PROMOTE GERMAN REUNIFICATION. NATURALLY, THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE THAT THIS BODY MUST ALSO STUDY ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS OBJECTIVE. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THE PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF A GERMAN PEACE TREATY.

A NEGATIVE LIMITATION OF THE SUBJECT TO BE NEGOTIATED WOULD NATURALLY FROM THE BEGINNING RENDER FUTILE THE EFFORTS OF A FOUR POWER COMMISSION. THIS WOULD ALSO RESULT FROM THE FACT - APPARENTLY NOT DENIED BY THE SOVIET UNION - THAT A PEACE TREATY WHICH IS TO RE-ESTABLISH GERMAN SOVEREIGNTY COULD ONLY BE CONCLUDED WITH A GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE TO THE WHOLE GERMAN NATION.

THE PROBLEM OF THE GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF A FOUR POWER COMMISSION - POSSIBLY BY THE APPOINTMENT OF GERMAN EXPERTS - SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY THIS COMMISSION.

IN BERLIN, ON 1 OCTOBER 1958, THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO SUPPORT EVERY KIND OF NEGOTIATION PREPARING WAYS AND MEANS FOR A DIRECT AND FREE MANIFESTATION OF THE WILL OF THE WHOLE GERMAN NATION AS SOON AS AN AGREEMENT OF THE FOUR POWERS HAD OPENED THIS POSSIBILITY. THUS, ONCE AGAIN, THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORTS OF TERMINATING THE PRESENT STATE WHICH IS AS UNSATISFACTORY AS IT IS DANGEROUS.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD, THEREFORE, GREATLY APPRECIATE IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOW COOPERATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG AND THE GERMAN BUNDESRAT (FEDERAL COUNCIL).

END VERBATIM TEXT.

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